

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-3106
of Qwest Communications, Denver,)
Colorado, seeking approval of)
its triennial review order)
amendment to interconnection) GRANTED
agreement with Houlton)
Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a)
Guaranteed Phone Service,)
Council Bluffs, Iowa, previously)
granted in Docket No. C-2917.) Entered: March 16, 2004

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

On February 4, 2004, an application was filed by Qwest Corporation (Qwest) of Denver, Colorado, seeking approval of its triennial review order amendment to its interconnection agreement with Houlton Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Guaranteed Phone Service (Houlton) of Council Bluffs, Iowa, previously granted in Docket No. C-2917. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on February 6, 2004. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

Pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act), Qwest and Houlton entered into an interconnection agreement, which was approved by the Commission on May 20, 2003, in Application No. C-2917. In the current application, Qwest and Houlton seek to amend the agreement to comply with the Federal Communications Commission's new rules and regulations pertaining to, among other things, the availability of unbundled network elements. Executed copies of the amendment are contained within the application.

The amendment does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. Furthermore, the implementation of the amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

Section 252(e) of the Act requires this Commission to review negotiated interconnection agreements to ensure they comply with Sections 251 and 252(d) of the Act, as well as all applicable state laws. Using those standards, the amendment filed February 4, 2004, should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the amendment to the interconnection agreement between Qwest Corporation and Houlton Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Guaranteed Phone Service, be, and it is hereby, approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the executed amendment filed herein be, and it is hereby, made the official copy on file with the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 16th day of March 2004.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director